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THAT TYPEWRITER

The statement made by Clerk of the Peace Quigley last Tuesday to the Levy Court furnishes another example of the foolishness of jumping at conclusions. Some editors who should have known better, as well as those from whom nothing less was to be expected, have talked about the expenditure of $117.50 of the county's money to furnish the highest paid county officer with a typewriting machine. But Mr. Quigley in his short speech plainly showed what every one who is acquainted with the work of his office already knew, that he has no personal or official use for such a machine. The members of the Levy Court, on the other hand, frequently desire such use, as in the writing of resolutions, reports, etc. It was at the request of several members, that Mr. Quigley consented to allow the machine placed in his office, and agreed that his clerks should do such typewriting for the members. This entailed more work on him and his clerks without compensation. In this view of the case, the remains of the old "combination" who are yet sore because they cannot still run the affairs of the county, in trying to put the onus of this on the Clerk of the Peace, are adding insult to injury. The more so, when it is considered that at least one of these men had agreed to the purchase, some months ago. Plainly as the typewriting machine was bought for the use of the Levy Court, the County should pay for it. The statement has been made that the Levy Court had paid for a machine for other offices. We have inquired and found that the only office to which this applied is a salaried office, and as such the County should provide all the office furntiure necessary to properly conduct the affairs of the office. Every officer, under the fee system, who has a typewriting machine, owns it himself, and when he retires will probably take it with him into private life.

LIGHT AND WATER AFFAIRS

Since the letter of "Pro Bono Publico," was published in our last issue we have made an investigation and find that the larger part of our correspondent's remarks are justifiable. The Light and Water Commission has started to dig a new well within a comparatively few feet of the abandoned ones, and it is expected to seek to bond the town in a further sum of several thousand dollars to pay for this work and that already done. It is urged that the operation of the entire Light and Water plant on which there has been spent already about $60,000, is now dependent upon the action of one pump and one well. Should that pump break down or should that well refuse to furnish water, the whole plant would be forced to suspend. Therefore, it is necessary to do something. To this we think there can be no objection. But the question raised by our correspondent is in substance, "Is this the proper course to pursue?" We admit frankly and freely that we do not know. To put down another well to the same water supply from which the present well is drawing, does not increase the quantity of water which may be drawn, nor does it wholly safeguard against break downs. Should the supply of water be abundant another well will, of course, furnish as much or more water than the present one does, but if the present pump is nearly, or quite, furnishing all the water to be had from that particular source, another pump would not be of much avail. On this point, we believe that no one can be certain until another well is sunk. Then again while it is expected that both pumps will not break down at the same moment, it is usually the unexpected that happens.

We are informed that the Light and Water Commission has endeavored to secure all the light possible on the situation, but that those who should be experts, confess themselves as entirely at fault. A geologist who was preparing a report for the United States Government wrote that he was surprised that rock was not struck at several hundred feet higher than the greatest depth attained. We are promised for our next issue a report covering the eleven years work of the Commission and it will present many interesting facts.

THE PANAMA CANAL AT LAST

The Senate by its vote ratifying the Panama Canal treaty, more than four to one, if all votes are counted, closes four centuries of prediction and half a century of agitation. A decade more will see the canal built.

It begins fortunately a non-partisan enterprise. It should remain so to the end. The Democratic vote was divided. The Republican vote was unanimous. No one doubts that the American public as a whole favored ratification and is convinced of the essential justice of President Roosevelt's policy and of the position taken by the United States on the isthmus.

With the ratification of the treaty the case is closed as far as Panama and the canal is concerned. Legislation is over. Construction must begin. When the Canal Commission is nominated and confirmed the work of building the canal can go on without interruption to the end. The call for the first installment of the first payment of $50,000,000, $10,000,000 to Panama and $40,000,000 to the Canal Company, is already made. The United States is the only great Power the world over which could make this payment out of ordinary revenue, from its current bank balance, without either affecting its own Treasury or disturbing the financial markets of the world by a temporary loan or a bond issue.

Large as is the enterprise, the amount required each year will not be over $10,000,000 to $15,000,000, or about 3 per cent. of the current revenue of the United States. Each year sees the United States pay in pensions to the soldiers who preserved the Union a sum nearly as large as that which remains to be expended on the canal after the initial payments, now in progress, are made. Whether bonds be issued or payments be made as now, from current revenue, the finances of the Panama Canal, for twenty years a vexed question, now cease to be of serious moment.

With the ratification of the Panama treaty, therefore, the Panama Canal becomes a mere question of administration. It ceases to be an issue in legislation, a controverted question in politics, a problem in finance or a subject for diplomacy. Questions of engineering, management, local government and sanitation, all technical, will replace those which for fifty-seven years have made the canal a yearly issue in current affairs in some one of its many shapes and guises.

From five to ten years will be required for construction. Judging from the Suez, from five to ten years more will be needed before the full tide of commerce flows through its channel. But these are small matters by the side of the one important, overarching fact that a canal at Panama, long predicted and planned for through half a century, is at last brought by the ratification of the canal treaty to the threshhold of an accomplished fact.—*Phila. Press.*

Deputy Appointed

Collector of Port Robert G. Houston has appointed temporarily Benjamin G. Lockerman of Townsend, to be deputy collector and fnspector of customs to succeed the late Peter B. Ayers. The appointment is for three months and in the meantime a civil service examination of applicants for the position will be held and some one named permanently to fill the position from the list of those who qualify. Mr. Lockerman is about 55 years old and a well-known Republican throughout the county.

MUSKRATS DRIVEN TO CANNIBALISM

THOROUGHFARE NECK, Feb. 23d.—This has been an unusually severe winter with muskrats, rabbits, quail, and other game, but the muskrat has suffered most, and has indeed, experienced trials and tribulations the past ten months. Having a price on his fur that caused his human enemies to be more zealous than usual in his capture and driven by frost and flood from his only refuge, the house, the mercy of dogs, foxes, hawks, etc., but worst of all his food supplies, which consists of the roots of various aquatic plants, has been almost entirely cut off the greater part of the winter by the unusally cold weather. The rats have been driven by hunger even to devouring their fellow creatures that are caught in traps which is something very unusual as the animal is supposed to be entirely herbivorous. This strange fact has been reported by several trappers, and came under our own observation after the recent snow when a carcass of a muskrat which had been caught in a trap in a furror in a bank near the marsh was found partially devoured while a path of muskrat's tracks was leading from this to and from the marsh. Around the carcass newly fallen snow was trodden for several feet where the redents had fought over their grewsome repast. The numbers of muskrats will in all probability be greatly decreased this winter and the effect it will have on this source of profit, which is more than the wheat crop of Thoroughfare Neck, will mean a great deal to the many persons who thus profitably employ themselves during the winter months.—*Smyrna Times.*

SASSAFRAS

Mrs. Caroline Johns is ill with the la grippe.

Mrs. Therza Shallcross is lying very ill with bronchitis.

Mr. John Johnston, Jr., has been very sick for the past week.

Washington's Birthday passed and was observed very quietly here.

Mrs. Harry Griffith has been very sick with tonsilitis for the past week.

Mrs. Harry Toul, of Wilmington is visiting her mother, Mrs. Caroline Johns.

Miss Mildred the bright daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sheppard, is quite sick.

We were very sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. Stephen Boyer of Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fillingham are entertaining Mrs. Elizabeth Sapinton, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. John F. Ernest and Miss Bessie Gunkel were entertained by Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Wednesday.

Mrs. John F. Ernest and son visited her mother, Mrs. I. Gunkel, of Warwick, on Saturday who is quite sick.

Messrs. Herman B. Massey and Samuel Price, of Massey, were guests of Mr. Frederick Gressart on Saturday.

Mr. James Davis, Jr., of Wilmington, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis from Friday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Crawford were brief callers at her brother's, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran on Sunday.

Messrs. Robert S. Griffith, Alexander T. Laws and Frederick Gressart have been on the sick list for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Fletcher Clark, of Whorton, Md., are being entertained by his sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cologhan, near town.

Lenton services are being held in the P. E. Church every Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning until Easter by Rev. Albert Ware, rector.

CECILTON

Miss Lelia McCoy is on the sick list.

Benjamin Robinson has returned from visiting in Philadelphia.

G. G. Morgan has returned from visiting his parents in Baltimore.

Frank Watts, of Townsend, visited his cousin, Albert Watts, this week.

Miss Sallie Pierce is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Bell, of Philadelphia.

Miss Ethel Duhamelle, of Earleville, is staying in town with Miss Mary Anderson.

Eugene Savin, of Townsend, moved his family in the house owned by James H. Watts.

Miss Mary Money, of Townsend, spent the past week with Miss Desdemona Boulden.

Rev. W. A. Dawson and Charles Griffith visited Mr. Dawson, of Port Deposit, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jackson and children, of Greensboro, are visiting E. S. Short and family.

A Missionary Anniversery will be held in the M. E. Church on Sunday evening next. All are invited.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Hayes, of Philadelphia, was brought here for interment on Wednesday afternoon.

Services will be held in the chapel every Wednesday and Friday at 4 o'clock P. M., during Lent. All are invited.

WARWICK

Mr. T. C. Lynch is confined to his room with la grippe.

Junior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

Miss Clara Blackburn, of Farnhurst, was the guest of Mrs. R. B. Merritt Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. M. Garner were entertained at the National Hotel, Middletown, Del., last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Cannon, of the Quaker City, are spending this week with Mrs. W. J. B. Lofland.

Miss Mamie Spear, of Bohemia Manor, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson during the past week.

The Rev. Mr. Prettyman, of Galena, preached to Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A. last Sunday. Fifty-three members were in line.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE

A conference of the Peninsula Epworth League Cabinet was held Wednesday at Dover. Those in attendance were: Presiding Elders Adam Stengle of the Salisbury district. C. S. Baker of the Dover district, Robert Watt of the Wilmington district and W. G. Koons of the Easton district; together with these minister: J. W. Colona, Princess Anne; G. W. Bounds, Easton district; J. L. Johnson, Greenwood; R. K. Stephenson Wilmington; and the secretary, T. H. Rawlins of Seaford, who is a layman.

The cabinet discussed important matters concerning the future position and growth of the big young people's organization among the Methodists. It is understood that the attitude of the league in the coming conference meeting on the questionable amusement agitation was discussed. The anniversary program was prepared.

WITNESSES IN DOVER POISONING CASE

Attorney-General Ward has been notified that California is willing to pay $4,000 toward bearing the expenses of Delaware witnesses going to California for the purpose of giving testimony at the second trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, the alleged murderess of Mrs. J. Deane and Mrs. J. P. Dunning, of Dover, by sending them poisoned candy by mail. The attorney-general has not yet heard whether the court of San Francisco has agreed to a postponement of the second trial or whether Mrs. Botkin was dismissed. Mr. Ward will see what arrangements he can make with the local witnesses while awaiting information from that State. It would cost between $5,000 and $6,000 to send the Delaware witnesses to California. The principal witnesses are State Chemist T. R. Wolfe, of Newark; J. D. Deane, of Philadelphia, and Miss Millington, of Dover, but other witnesses may go.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mr. H. V. Manlove spent Saturday in Baltimore.

Miss Mazie Dashiel is visiting relatives in Queen Anne's county.

Mrs. D. P. Boulden and daughter, Lucie, spent last week in Elkton.

Rev. E. H. Dashiel visited friends in Queen Anne's county last week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Metz has been quite ill but is improving at this writing.

John M. Reed, Jr., of McDaniels, is spending a few days with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Manlove, of Cecilton, visited relatives in town on Saturday.

Mr. Joseph H. Steele has been confined to his home for the past week with the grip.

Miss Elsie Ingram, of Florence, Ala., is spending sometime with Miss Elsie Karsner.

Mrs. John Myers, of near Elkton, visited her brother, Mr. George Stephens, on Sunday.

Edward Biddle, Jr., of Philadelphia, has been spending the past week with Mr. Frank Stevens.

Miss Lydia Truss, of Wilmington, is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Truss.

The shoe shop belonging to Bohemia Lodge is vacant again, the Gordon's having removed their effects to Baltimore.

Mrs. Julia Jones and Miss Mary, of Kennedyville, Kent County, have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Berry near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Armbrister entertained the young friends of their son Nelson last Saturday evening, it being his eleventh birthday.

Entertaining has taken the form of small dinner parties during Lent, several taking place during the past week and more to follow this week.

Mr. Frank Howard gave a dinner on Thursday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reese, Misses Lillie Woolford, Evelyn Kibler, Kate Ferguson.

Mr. Joseph Steele's sale of stock and farming implements took place on Tuesday. Mr. Augustus Bouchelle who has been farming the place will continue to do so on his own account.

A Picinic Social will be held at the High School on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Admission 5 cents. The ladies are requested to bring basket containing lunch for two. Proceeds for the school library.

Miss Evelyn Kibler entertained a few friends at progressive euchre last Monday evening, thus bringing to a close the winter festivities. Those enjoying her hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Manlove, Misses Lionne Beaston, Dora Steele, Florence Egee, Lucy Reed, Elsie Karsner, Florence Boulden, Hattie Morgan, Mary Steele. Messrs. George and Harry Kibler, Frank Elison, Frank and Harry Howard and Harold Steele. The prizes were won by Miss Boulden and Mr. Harry Howard.

BOHEMIA MANOR

Mr. Augustus Bouchelle is quite sick with la grippe.

Miss Hallie Gray is the guest of Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. Teale, of Baltimore, is the guest of her father, Mr. William Lake.

Miss Mamie Spear spent this week with her sister, Mrs. Amos Wilson, at Warwick.

Mrs. A. B. Berry is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Julian Jones, at Kennedyville.

Mr. Julian Jones, of Kennedyville, spent three days this week with Mr. Frederick Williams.

Mr. Joseph Steele's sale of personal property was well attended on Tuesday and good prices realized.

Misses Anna Dickinson and Clara Eccles of Wilmington, are being entertained by Mrs. William Dickinson.

Quite a number of changes are to take place in this neighborhood and vicinity by the twenty-fifth of March.

On Thursday of this week Lambert Boulden, of near Middletown, removed from the Pennington farm to the Hodge farm near Cayots Corner, that for the past 25 years has been farmed by his father, Lambert Boulden, Sr.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Mary E. Pearson by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Hiram E. Pearson.

(Seal)

We, therefore command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Hiram E. Pearson that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary E. Pearson according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D., nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Feb. 11th, 1904. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Lydia C. Downes by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Roubon J. Downes.

(Seal)

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Roubon J. Downes that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Lydia C. Downes according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D., nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Feb. 13th, 1904. Prothonotary.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
New Castle County, Del., November 20th, 19 3.

Upon the application of Hannah R. Jones and James R. Hoflecker, Executors of Marcellus Jones, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executors aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months

(SEAL) Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the twentieth day of November, A. D. 1903, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the said Executors on or before the twentieth day of November 1904, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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Some of the bargains in the black Eskimo beavers, and other trusty black fabrics—$25 Overcoats now $18.00—$22.50 Overcoats now $17.50—$20 Overcoats now $15—$18 Overcoats now $12.

Some of the bargains in Oxford mixtures, inkerseys and friezes—$16.50 Overcoats now $12—$15 Overcoats now $10—$12 Overcoats now $8.50.

Some of the bargains in men's suits in dark fancy worsteds, silk mixtures, pin-checked worsteds, fancy cheviots and black cheviots—$20 Suits now $14—$18 Suits now $13.50—$16 Suits now $12—$15 Suits now $10—$12 Suits now $8.50.

Some of the bargains in fine worsted Trousers—$7.00, $6.50 and $6.00 Trousers reduced to $3.75. Striped worsted Trousers, big money's worth at $4.50—reduced to $3.00.

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A few Flannel Shirt Waists, regular $1.25, now - 50c
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Ladies' Eiderdown Sacks, Regular 50 and 75c kind, 25c
Men's Buckle Artics, Central Rubber Co., - - - 1.00
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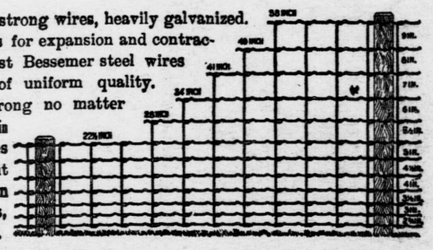

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.52, 9.20 and 10.27 a. m; 4.14 and 6.05 p. m.
South Bound—12.49, 8.31, 9.21 and 11.40 a. m.; 3.56, 4.54 and 7 5cp. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.10 a.m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—9.20 a. m., 11 40 a. m., 5.05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barkville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 27, 1904.

Local News.

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A dashing rain fell in this locality all Sunday night, obliterating nearly every trace of snow and ice on the streets of town and county roads.

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H. C. DeValinger will sell you one pound of good prunes for four cents.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling on East Main street, adjoining the M. E. Parsonage. Possession given immediately or on March 25th. For further particulars apply at THIS OFFICE.

In the year 1904 there will be two eclipses of the sun. The first and annualar eclipse of the sun March 17 will be invisible here. The second, a total eclipse of the sun will be visible here on September 9.

Six pounds of good sun dried apples for twenty-five cents at
H. C. DEVALINGER'S.

The Salvation Army Revival Brigade which was in Middletown for several weeks last fall, is now at work in the M. E. Church, Frederica, and holding interesting and profitable meetings and large audiences are attending nightly.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 18th: Mrs. Hattie Banard, Miss Bertha Coppage, Mrs. Martha E. Dall, Miss Hattie Townsend, John Boyer, Geo. Crouch, C. E. Green.

On entering a certain store one day last week several young ladies were asked by the clerk if they had ever seen a ground hog. They replied in the negative, and the clerk said, "well, come and look in the box and you will see one" With eager expectance the ladies waited for the lid to be raised, when to their surprise and chagrin they saw only sausage—ground hog.

Middletown's municipal election will be held on Monday, March 7th, at which time two persons will be elected for Town Commissioners for two years each. Messrs. George G. Rowe and William R. Cochran, whose terms expire this year, have made excellent officers and no doubt will be re-elected without opposition. There will also be chosen on the same day a Treasurer, Assessor and Alderman to serve one year respectively.

Mons. Ellwood the magician, delighted a large audience at the Opera House on Tuesday evening. The entertainment was one of the five in the Star Course under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church, and those in attendance were unanimous in their praise. Ellwood is undoubtedly one of the best magicians in this country, and his mystifying slight of hand work was both new and entertaining. The next entertainment in the Star Course will be by Dr. George Hindley, on March 22d.

The Alfrata Concert Company opened to a large audience Wednesday night and the program was well rendered and the audience pleased. Masters Leon and Cecil Herman certainly are clever song and dance artists, and Mr. and Mrs. Glant are fun provoking artists of much ability, and keep the audience in good spirits. Mr. Glant surpasses many of the best cartoonists. He drew 20 pictures on Thursday night in eight minutes. Mr. Marnetto proved his ability as a producer of foreign acts, and Dr. Call Herman, is an able orator, and his eloquence on his travels around the world are a rare treat. The admission of 10 cents is a small price considering the ability of this Company.

The elocutionary entertainment given at Bethesda parsonage Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Mercy and Help Department of the Epworth League, was a brilliant success socially and financially. About one hundred persons were in attendance and Miss Harriett Marine daughter of Hon. William Marine, ex-collector of Customs of Baltimore, sustained her reputation which is more than local, and won golden opinions. As an impersonator she is excellent and all who heard her concede that she has talents of a high order. She is a devout christian and devotes much time to mercy and help work in Baltimore. We hope she will come again. Miss Lena Pleasanton and Miss Allie McKee delighted the audience with their instrumental music and Miss Eva Atkins sang two beautiful solos. The ladies wish to thank all who so kindly assisted in making the entertainment a success. The net proceeds amounted to about $30.

The Delaware Game Protective Association will soon make another distribution of Chinese pheasants, as was done in the spring of 1903. The plan is to distribute the birds to persons and in localities where they will be allowed to breed unmolested for two or three years, so that they may have a good store before gunned after. As the law permits the shooting of these birds during the open season for quail, they will be sent only to those who can control the shooting in the neighborhood of the locality where the birds may be turned out, so that warning not to shoot them may be given to persons indulging in other shooting in those covers where they may be located. The cost to the association of the pheasants is $5 per pair, and as the funds of the association are limited, the association is asking persons who wish them to contribute one-half the cost, or $2.50 per pair. Any person wishing the birds can obtain one or more pairs by remitting $2.50 per pair to J. Danford Bush, secretary, Wilmington, provided they can furnish satisfactory assurance of protection to the birds for two or three shooting seasons.

CHURCH NOTES

Rev. John G. Sibson preached an excellent sermon in Bethesda M. E. Church last Sunday morning.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, will preach to-morrow, morning and evening. Morning theme, "Parable of the Sower." Evening theme, "What is Eternal Life?"

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Heroism and other lessons from China." Acts 14:19-23. Miss Elizabeth Hall, leader.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Princely Men in the Heavenly Kingdom." Resume of Mission Study Text Book. Acts 13:1-4. Leader, J. H. Emerson.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Forest Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, March 13th, and will be preceded by special services beginning on Monday evening, February 29th. Preachers from a distance are expected to preach at most of these services, and all are cordially invited to be present.

TWO LADS DISAPPEAR

Tuesday's Wilmington *Morning News* says: "Edward W. Pleasanton of McDonough, drove to this city yesterday in search of his son and another lad who have run away from their home to see the world. The runaway lads are Earl Pleasanton son of Edward W. Pleasanton, and Benjamin Pleasanton son of Hiram M. Pleasanton, two highly respectable farmers of St. Georges hundred. The lads left home on Wednesday morning last. They had never indicated their intention to start out to see the world to their parents, but it appears that they had secretly talked over their expedition among themselves and with a lad named Plummer. They told the Plummer boy they intended to get employment for awhile on a dairy farm near Wilmington, and after they got some money to continue their trip.

Each lad is between 14 and 15 years of age. Earl is described as 5 feet in height, and wearing a light suit, either slouch hat or cap, and a brown overcoat. Benjamin is described as being 4 feet 8 inches in height, and wearing a dark suit, light overcoat, a skating cap or slouch hat.

Mr. Pleasanton sought Constable Buckley on his arrival in Wilmington, and the constable took him to the police station where a complaint about the missing boys with their description was filed.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Owing to the general conditions in business circles and the close cash basis on which wholesale merchants are doing business. We the undersigned Merchants of Middletown deemed it fitting in order to best serve the public at large to organize on January 1st, 1904, "The Merchants Protective Association." The object of which is to protect ourselves against fraudulent customers, and to establish a basis of credit, which will enable us to serve each and all our several customers in the different lines of Merchandise the best at lowest and cash prices. And it has been unanimously decided by the association to earnestly request all credit customers to make weekly and monthly settlements so that the above object may be obtained and all concerned materially benefitted. Believing this will meet the approval of the public in general we are Very truly,

WM. BROCKSON, PRES.
H. C. DEVALINGER, V. P.
JOHN ARMSTRONG, SEC'Y.
W. T. CONNELLEE, TREAS.
PAUL WEBER,
MUEHLBERG & JONES,
JONES & BRADLEY,
JOHN F. FORTNER,
MINORS BANNING.

WHEAT SOARS ABOVE DOLLAR MARK

The wildest wheat market in a generation was witnessed in Chicago Thursday. From the opening tap of the bell until the gong at 12 o'clock a crowd of wild-eyed, shouting men pushed and jostled and shouted and gesticulated. Out of it first came a small rise in the price, then what looked like the beginning of a serious break, then a wild upward burst which carried the price of May wheat to $1.09 a bushel; then a reaction to a fairly steady close. It is said by best informed grain men in Philadelphia that there is not more than 1000 bushels of winter wheat in the city. At this time in other years at least 25,000 bushels is usually in sight. Dollar and twenty-five cent wheat is now freely predicted with an advance in flour of $2 a barrel. Since the steady advance in wheat values, flour has moved up in price fully $1 per barrel from the lowest point. There is a short supply of suitable milling wheat throughout the United Kingdom and the demand for American flour from abroad is beginning to show more than ordinary activity.

Bill for Delaware Ship Canal

Senator Ball has introduced a bill providing for the construction of a ship canal connecting Delaware and Chesapeake Bays. It was drawn on the lines of the Spooner bill for the construction of the Panama canal, and carries an appropriation of $8,000,000. This is about the amount estimated by the Government engineers as necessary for the building of the canal.

PERSONALITIES

Mrs. Edgar Clark is the guest of friends in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Lily Scott spent several days this week in Philadelphia.

Dr. F. H. Moore was in Elkton on Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Darlington was a Philadelphia visitor on Tuesday.

Mr. H. S. Beasten was in Wilmington and Philadelphia on Thursday.

Misses Bertie and Louise Cochran are guests of relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. H. C. DeValinger was in Philadelphia and Wilmington this week.

Miss Kathryn VanSant is the guest of relatives in Philadelphia for a week.

Mrs. Charles N. Dickerson was the guest of friends in Odessa on Tuesday.

Mr. Isaac Hallan, of Wilmington, was the guest of friends in town over Sunday.

Mrs. George Echenhofer is spending sometime with her daughter in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Harris, of Delmar, spent Monday with her cousin, Miss Elsie Jones.

Miss Emma Burchard, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents part of last week.

Mr. John Arthurs, of Kenton, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. M. B. Burris, over Sunday.

Mr. Warren Ellicott, of Wilmington, spent several days during the past week in town.

Mr. Sydney Peverley is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Peverley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick attended the funeral of his sister in Snow Hill, Md., this week.

Miss Jennie Jones has accepted a position in Crisfield, Md., and left for that place on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William I. Berry spent several days this week with her mother, Mrs. Rachel Conner.

Misses Clara and Jennie Wilson, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mrs. Mary E. Jones on Thursday.

Mr. Charles Jones, of New York City, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Jones, over Sunday.

Miss Bertha Hall, of Wilmington, has been visiting her uncle, Mr. John P. McIntyre, several days this week.

Mrs. John Hunn and daughter, Miss Alice, of Wyoming, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emerson on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Fell and little daughter, of Center Bridge, Pa., were guests of Mrs. H. M. Jones and family on Monday.

Mrs. Mollie Bacon and Miss Mary Atkins, of Laurel, and Miss Hattie Marine, of Baltimore, are guests at the M. E. Parsonage.

Mr. Thomas McWhorter, of the West Chester State Normal School spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kumpel returned from their Southern wedding trip on Saturday, and after March 25th will commence housekeeping in the dwelling now occupied by Mr. S. E. Lewis on East Main Street.

MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

The Middletown Shooting Association held the fifth shoot for the Parker gun on Monday. The wind caused the targets to do considereble ducking, but most of the club members found them at some time in the day's shoot. Dr. Barnard again defended the Gold Challenge Medal, this being the third time in succession. The Parker Gun Contest is proving very close and interesting as the following table will indicate:

	1	2	3	4	5	Tot'l
S. E. Massey	22	14	20	14	19	89
E. J. Steel	20	14	20	8	16	78
G. Massey	20	15	19	11	19	84
Dr. Barnard	19	18	15	22	13	88
W. B. Kates	19	12	15	13	9	68
M. B. Burris	14	18	16	21	13	82
Duryea	14	13	22	10	19	78
Ed. Massey	13	12	20	15	21	81
H. Pool	17	17	—	15	12	61

The scores of Monday's shoot follows:

	Practice	Gun	Medal	G. Med'l	Shot at	Broke	Per Cent
Targrts	10	25	15	25		47	
Barnard	4	13	10	18	75	45	—
Burris	4	13	11	—	50	28	56
J. A. P.	8	19	9	—	50	36	72
Pool	9	12	—	—	35	21	60
Steel	4	16	9	—	50	29	58
Duryea	7	19	11	—	50	37	74
Ed. Massey	—	21	12	14	65	47	72
Kates	—	9	7	—	40	16	40
S. Massey	—	19	13	—	40	32	80
Pearson	10	20	16	—	50	46	92

Sales to Take Place

TUESDAY, MARCH 15th, 1904, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of horses, cows, etc., by J. S. & W. Lattomus, on their farm, one-half mile West of Townsend, Del.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3d, 1904.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Isaac Green, Jr., on the "Burgess Farm," on the road from Fennemore's Bridge to Norney's Corner. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

A MODERN CITY

That Baltimore is to rise from its ashes more substantial, more modern and far more symmetrical, needs no further proof than was made manifest by renewed expressions on the part of Mayor McLane and the committee of public safety by leading citizens that no building permits shall be issued until a plan of realigning certain thoroughfares whose crookedness and narrowness have long constituted a blemish as well as a serious embarrassment to municipal growth.

There is a grim determination visible on all sides that the public's compensation for the fiery ordeal through which it has passed shall be the rising of a metropolis which shall be distinguished among American cities for both its material substance and its architectural art. The mayor and the committee of safety are resolved that shells of buildings shall not be run up between fireproof structures, as in the past, and thus serve as a standing invitation to the flames. On this point the controlling forces here are apparently a unit, thus affording a guarantee that the future Baltimore is to be both modern and a model city.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR

At the meeting of the Trustees of the Poor Wednesday the house committee reported everything to be in a first-class condition and said the bread has been much improved during the month. Objection was made to the bread at the last meeting, and the contractor was warned to furnish a better quality.

The plumbing of the institution being in need of repairs, the building committee was instructed to have improvements made.

The following nominations were made: President, Dr. C. Henry; secretary, Joseph C. Parker; superintendent, B. Frank Blackburn; matron, Mrs. Anna Blackburn; assistant matron, Miss Clara Blackburn; head male nurse, D. B. Ferris; head female nurse, Miss Minnie O'Hanlon; resident physician, H. W. Briggs; coroner's physician, J. W. Bastian. John Bleosdaler resigned as engineer, to take effect the latter part of April, and Peter Waters was nominated to succeed him. Harry Blackburn resigned as farmer, and the selection of his successor was left to the superintendent and the farm committee.

The report of Superintendent Blackburn showed a total population of 242. The deaths during the month were as follows: Empson Trusty, colored, aged 71 years; William Epps, colored, aged 24 years; Susan Jackson, aged 76 years; Leslie Stout, aged 7 years, all formerly of Wilmington; Elsie Evans, aged 3 years, formerly of Townsend.

The pay roll of the general hospital amounted to $462.84 and that of the Emergency Hospital, for the care of small pox patients, to $124, making the total pay roll, $586.84.

DR. A. N. RAUB DEAD

After a prolonged illness Dr. A. N. Raub, former President of Delaware College, died at his home in Newark Tuesday.

Dr. Raub was born in Lancaster County Pa., in 1840. His early education was received in the common schools, and was supplemented by a scientific course in the Millersville State Normal School. For about 40 years he was identified with public education, beginning with the position of county school teacher, later being professor of English Grammer in the Keystone State Normal School at Kurtztown, Pa., superintendent of the schools in Clinton County and city superintendent of the Lock Haven schools, in Lock Haven organized the State Normal, of which he was the first principal. In 1884 he came to Newark to become principal of the academy, and five years afterwards was chosen president of Delaware College, the pressure of business and ill health compelling him to resign in 1896.

Dr. Raub received the honorary degree of A. M. from Princeton College, Ph. D. from Lafayette College, and LL. D. from Ursinus College. He was widely known as the author of text books on mathematics and English, about 25 in number. For 20 years or more he was prominent as a lecturer before teachers' institutes, his platform work extending from Pennsylvania to South Carolina. He is survived by a widow and six children.

IN MEMORIAM

IN SAD BUT LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF WILHEMINA MAXWELL

Entered into Rest February 24th, 1903

We loved her, yes, we loved her,
But angels loved her more,
And she has safely joined them
On yonder shining shore.
The golden gates were open,
A gentle voice said come;
And with farewells unspoken
She calmly entered her eternal home.

BY HER HUSBAND.

When dark waves of despondency
Across our spirits roll,
And bright-eyes hope no longer seems
To cheer our troubled souls;
When friends prove false and faith and trust
Seem dead within our breast;
Ah! then we think of mother's love,
The truest and the best.
True as the never-failing stars,
Her faithful heart will prove—
Oh! What a priceless treasure is
A mother's deathless love.

BY HER CHILDREN.

ODESSA

Mrs. R. J. Foard is a Philadelphia visitor.

Miss Low Baker, of Wilmington, is the guest of friends in town.

Miss Viola H. Cleaver is the guest of Wilmington friends this week.

Mrs. Charles Dickerson, of Middletown, was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Miss Emma C. Hallett has returned from a visit to her parents in Milford.

Miss Elizabeth Catts, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Miss Emma B. Eccles.

Miss Martha Townsend entertained Miss Louise VanDyke a few days this week.

Miss M. Elizabeth Harper visited her parents at Hurlock from Friday until Monday.

Miss Hannah Wilson has returned to Townsend after a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Joseph M. Armstrong.

Miss M. Etta Rose returned to Newark Monday after spending a few days with her sister, Miss Burdette Rose.

Misses Mary and Margaret McCoy entertained Messrs. James Godwin and Joseph McGlinchy at their home near town over Sunday.

Cyrus P. Keen accompanied by his room-mate Mr. T. Jerome Heaps, of Jacob Tome Institute, Port Deposit, Md., visited Mr. Gardner Keen and wife from Friday until Wednesday.

The Sunday School of St. Pauls M. E. Church is rehearsing for the Missionary Anniversary which will be held the first Sunday in March. All members of the school are requested to be present at a rehearsal this (Saturday) evening.

Miss Nellie Stevens entertained a few friends on Saturday evening in honor of her cousin Miss Florence Evans. The evening was spent in playing games, and refreshments were served in abundance. All departed at a late hour after spending a most delightful evening.

Call for a Convention

The Union Republican State Central Committee has issued a call for a State Convention to be held at Dover, Wednesday, March 16th, to elect six delegates to the Republican National Convention which meets in Chicago, June 21st. The Primaries will be held Saturday, March 12th.

ST. GEORGES

Miss Mabel Smith is visiting Townsend relatives.

Mrs. J. R. Milligan is in Philadelphia this week.

Edward Gam who has been quite ill is improving.

Mrs. Joseph Crossland was in Wilmington last week.

Mrs. F. P. Vanheikle is paying a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Laura Jones is enjoying a visit with relatives in Chester, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth Stewart spent several days this week in Philadelphia.

Miss Olivia Paynter is spending a few days with Mrs. F. W. Curtis, in Newark.

Mrs. George Hill and daughter Marion paid a visit to relatives in Christiana on Sunday.

J. C. Stuckert and wife attended the funeral of a relative in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Misses Claren Barnett and Mariam Bryan were visitors in Odessa one day last week.

Miss Emily Janvier, of McDonough, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Clarence Jamison, this week.

Mrs. H. C. Buckson had as guests on Thursday Misses Harriett Carrow and Bessie Webb.

Miss Clara Swan is spending sometime with her aunt, Mrs. George Price, in Delaware City.

C. M. Riley has returned from Smyana where he was the guest of William Hudson and family.

H. C. Gray and family visited James Denning and wife at their home at Red Lion on Sunday.

Miss Ida Wright entertained her cousin Miss Stewart, of Philadelphia, from Saturday until Tuesday.

Clarence Pool and family, of McDonough, visited her parents, A. N. Sutton and wife, on Sunday.

On account of the inclement weather on Sunday evening, no services were held in the M. E. Church.

Mrs. William Haman, of State Road, was the guest of her parents, George Swain and wife, on Saturday.

The Official Board of the M. E. Church will hold a meeting this (Saturday) evening. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. Laura Jones has been entertaining hor cousins, Mrs. Graw and Mrs. Gibson, of Chester, Pa., during the past week.

Frank Shoule and wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kronemier, of Odessa, part of last week.

The Misses Paynter entertained a few friends on Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Roberts who were recently married.

The Colonial Tea, given on Monday evening by the ladies of the M. E. Church was quite a success. Between $40 and $50 being realized.

James Paynter and daughter on Saturday entertained Mrs. A. D. Racine and daughter, of Hartley, and Misses Nellie Sapp and Laura Conway, of Canal Bridge.

Twenty members of National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F., attended a banquet given by Patrick Henry Lodge of Delaware City on Monday evening, in commeration of the 27th anniversary.

The Bible Class will meet on Monday evening at the home of Miss Olivia Paynter. Miss Anna Stewart will have charge, and a special musical selection will be rendered. All are cordially invited.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold an oyster supper and handkerchief bazaar in Odd Fellows' Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, March 2d and 3d. Proceeds for the benefit of the Church.

FORMER DELAWAREAN DEAD

H. M. Sutton, commissioner of the United State Circuit Court, was born June 7th, 1845, at St. George's, New Castle county, Delaware, and was the only son of the late Samuel B. Sutton, and passed his early life in his native state. He attended the common school and also had the advantages afforded in Delaware Academy, at Newark.

At the age of eighteen years he joined the United States Army, enlisted in Co. L. First Delaware cavalry. He served until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged as corporal of the company. He returned to his old home and entered the academy now known as the Delaware College, where he pursued his studies until sometime in 1866. Having a strong taste for army life, he enlisted in the regular army for a term of five years, and was honorably discharged from Company L, Fifth United States cavalry, as corporal of the company. After his discharge from the army, in 1872 he came to the West and located on a claim in Chehalis county.

Mr. Sutton contracted in 1872 to carry the mail from Olympia to Shoalwater Bay in Pacific county, and also operated the stage line from Olympia to Montesano. He employed several men in this business which he conduced successfully for seven years.

In 1883 he embarked in the mercantile business at Sharon, this county, and carred on a successful business until 1887, when he receieved the appointment of clerk of the district court from Judge Allyn. In October, 1888, he was elected county clerk for a year, being the only democratic candidate that was successful, he was reelected in 1890, a fitting testimony to his fitness and ability to fill the office. He has been commissioner of the United States Circuit Court for many years holding the office under both democratic and republican administrations.

He was mayor of the city of Montesano two terms.

He was one of the leaders of the democratic, party in this county, having been chairman and secretary of the county central committee several years and also having served as member from this county on the committee.

He was a member of Garfield Post, G. A. R., and of the Woodmen of the World, carring $1,000 insurance in the latter organization.

Mr. Sutton was married January 1st, 1883, to Margaret C. Campbell, daughter of the late Judge Campbell of this city. Mrs. Sutton died in 1887, leaving two sons, Henry M. and Wayne.

December thirty-first last Mr. Sutton was married to Miss Jeannette Peers of Seattle. Also two sisters in Delaware, Mrs. M. J. Gray at St. Georges and Mrs. H. C. Dennison at New Castle, who with his two sons, survives him.—*The Chehalis County Vidette*, February 5th, 1904.

TOWNSEND

Miss Alma Lynam spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mrs. William Dayett, of Clayton, was in town Tuesday.

Rev. J. H. Beauchamp and wife visited Baltimore this week.

J. C. VanDyke spent Sunday with Mr. Mort Ginn near Odessa.

Mrs. George Hart visited Miss Sallie Hollis in Wilmington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Weldon visited friends near St. Georges Tuesday.

Mrs. Daisy Collins who has been visiting in New Castle, has returned home.

Mrs. Augustus Gill, of Leipsic, was a visitor in town from Friday to Monday.

Miss Mary Todd is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Pilot, in the city of Brotherly Love.

Miss Mary Armstrong, of near Friendship, visited Mrs. J. C. Hutchison this week.

Howard Hutchison spent from Friday to Tuesday with D. Lynam near Wilmington.

Miss Mary Money has returned home from visiting the Misses Boulden near Cecilton.

Mr. John Geary and family, of Atlantic City, are visiting Mr. Walter Money near town.

Miss May McFaul and Miss Anna Sharpless spent Wednesday evening in Middletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Morris, of near Sassafras, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts.

Miss Lillian Downey, of Middletown, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harvey Naylor, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts and Mrs. W. H. Money spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peachy near town.

Mrs. Gardner Shockley spent from Saturday to Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Leroy Hutchinson, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Leola Ratledge and little daughter Louise, have returned to their home in Greenwood after spending sometime with Mr. Nathaniel Ratledge and family.

HEARING IN POWELL CASE POSTPONED

The hearing in the Powell case has been postponed until Tuesday March 8th. The authorities do not want to proceed without Attorney General Ward, whose father is dead in Vermont. The defence does not want to proceed without Davis, whose brother is dead in Wyoming State Mrs. Powell took the postponement philosophically and simply asked that she might have her sewing machine hurried to her cell. Powell and his wife will spend a fortune in her defence. Both appear to have plenty of money. The State's most important evidence is now believed to be all the clothing worn by Mrs. Powell in the alleged encounter with Miss Albin.

FLORIDA

The last Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington by special train on March 1.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York $50.00; Trenton, $49.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington, $48.00; Pittsburg, $53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points. Tickets will be good for return passage on regular trains until May 31.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to tickets agents, or to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

WORLD'S FAIR AT ST. LOUIS

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will open at St. Louis April 30, and will be in perfect condition on that date. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run the first low-rate coach excursion from the East to the World's Fair on May 10, affording residents of the Eastern section an opportunity to see the great Exposition in all the glory of its pristine freshness. Tickets will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad System. The fare from New York will be $20; from Philadelphia, $18.50, with proportionate rates, approximating one cent per mile, from other points. These tickets will be good going only on special coach trains to be run on May 10, and returning in coaches of regular trains leaving St. Louis not later than May 19.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	98	Corn—	
No. 2	95	Yellow, shelled	50
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	53
Clover Seed lb	10½c	Oats	50

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	32
Country Butter, per lb	25@30
Creamery Butter, per lb	34
Lard, per lb	10@11
Live Chickens, per lb	12@13
Potatoes, per basket	35@40

For Sale or Rent!

A BRICK DWELLING containing 12 rooms, with 4 acres of land attached, overlooking the Appoquinimink River in the town of Odessa.

Possession given on the 25th day of March 1904.

Terms will be made satisfactory to purchaser or tenant. Apply to
JOSEPH G. BROWN,
Agent for JOSEPH BEALE,
Odessa, Del.

Eggs for Hatching!

Pure bred S. C. White Leghorns, White Wyandotts and Barred Rocks, 15 for $100; 100 for $5.00.

T. R. BRADSHAW,
Evergreen Farm, Odessa, Del.

Messick's!

The New 1904 Dress Goods!

20c. for 30c. Grecian Voiles,

20 INCHES WIDE.

Light weight, in neat weaves, open mesh finely woven, all the wanted colors.

The plain Voiles, in sheer weaves that are all wool, in black, blue, gray and dark shades, **50c** to **90c** per yard.

50c silk finished Mohairs, finest quality, in blue, garnet, brown, deep rich black and neat stripes and plaids.

50c all wool black Cheviots, 42 inches wide, medium weight, with the fine serge twill.

Remnants....

Fine Gingham Renmants, **10c** per yard, plenty of plaids, stripes and checks. The colors have been tested and will wash beautifully, the regular price is 12½c per yard.

17c per yard for Remnants of 25 and 30c. Wash Dress Goods, in the lot about 300 yards of this extra quality of material, come in cadet, tan, cardinal, brown. White Goods with mercerized silk stripes and dots, neat figures; beautiful goods for shirt waists and shirt waist suits, separate skirts for children's wear, 10 to 20 yards in piece.

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They have gone away now and then to the seaside, though not very lately, Anthony said, after a moment's thought. But I do not think Miss Mary is ever dull here. She does too much good to be dull!

Stella gave her head an impatient toss.

It has been a dreadful life for her. No wonder she looks so sad. Oh, she does look sad! She smiles, but her eyes never smile—have you not noticed that? And her voice goes to my heart. It is too kind, too patient. Why is she so patient? I shouldn't be, I know that. I should be horribly, wickedly discontented if I had lived all these years with nothing but doing good to fill my life. How would you like it?

But you love the country? said Anthony eagerly. I am sure you do.

I should not love it if I had had to live alone with Catharine, was Stella's hasty answer. Darling Molly, she has had a dismal time of it! But I mean to look after her now. Catharine must get a companion to tyrannize over, and Molly shall learn what a holiday means. She has been taking care of other people long enough.

I don't think that Miss Passingham could do without her now, Anthony said, and then, after a momentary hesitation. She has been very ill, Miss Stella. You must be prepared to find her greatly changed.

Stella did not answer for a moment. She stood looking down the valley, her bright face still very serious. Anthony did not break the silence. He was content to watch her. Presently she looked up at him.

I am dreadfully afraid of her still—of Catharine, I mean. She wrote me quite a kind letter, but it makes me tremble to think of going into her room to speak to her. I wonder if Molly is afraid of her still. She used to be. But I must go in. Tell Mrs. Deane that I picked those white roses for her. She has not forgotton me, I am sure.

She is coming to call to-morrow. Deepdene is greatly excited about you, Miss Stella. Prepare to be stared at when you go to church on Sunday. I wish my sister were back, but she and her husband are still away on their honeymoon, which is to last for six months.

She married one of the Hartleys, didn't she? I saw it in the *Times*. And do you live at Northwood quite alone?

Yes—all alone. It is a dreary existence, he said gravely.

It must be. Only sisters ought not to marry. But you do not look as if your life was a very dreary one.

She had moved down the steps, but she stopped as she said this, glancing back at him with laughing eyes. And it was that look which made her realise what a handsome fellow her old playfellow had become. He had been rather an ugly boy, freckled and sandy-haired; she remembered telling him quite frankly once that he was ugly. But now, with his tall firmly-knit figure and his fair hair and blue eyes, he looked like the fairy prince who had haunted her childish dreams. The prince had always been fair and blue-eyed and strong and stately of figure. With an inward laugh, Stella recalled this. She had never imagined a swarthy prince, with a black beard tinged with iron-gray and deep sombre black eyes.

Appearances are deceitful, Anthony was saying to her. I am not a bit like that old fellow we used to read about at Eaton, who was never less alone than when he was alone. I get deadly-tired of my own company. I hope I have not bored Miss Molly by my constant appearance here. Shall I bore you? This has become a second home to me.

Oh, please come as often as you can! said Stella eagerly. I am afraid that I am exactly like you, and find my own company very dull. Molly says that she is with Catharine most of the morning, so we must entertain each other. It will be like old times come back again.

CHAPTER III

It was with a very eager step that Anthony came up the drive the next morning shortly before breakfast time. He had been fishing, and carried his rod in his hand, while a well-filled basket of trout was slung over his shoulder. Stella was on the lawn, throwing sticks for Dan, Molly's Irish terrier. Dan dropped the stick suddenly and rushed to meet Anthony with a joyful bark, and Stella followed him more slowly, with a smile of welcome on her face.

What beauties! she exclaimed, her eyes sparkling, when Anthony showed her the trout. Where did you get them?

Just below the mill. Don't you remember the two-pounder you caught there with the rod which I made for you?

Could I forget? It was the most glorious moment of my existence. When I used to listen to uncle James and his friends talking of the giant trout and salmon they had caught, I felt inclined to cry out I, too, have lived! But what a scolding Catharine gave me when I got home! I was never allowed to go fishing with you again.

She would not scold you now, he said with an eager look. Couldn't you come one morning or one afternoon, for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne?"

She lifted her pretty eyebrows.

Would not Deepdene be shocked? But wait—aren't you a relation of ours, Mr. West? Third cousin fifteen times removed, wasn't it? Don't you remember how you proved it from our family tree? Even aunt Lydia could not blame me for going fishing with my cousin.

Of course not! Then you will come, cousin Stella? I will bring my rods this afternoon.

She shook her head, smiling.

I must stay at home this afternoon. There are callers coming. Not Mrs. Deane only, but the Chilcots and the Churchwards. They told Molly on Sunday that they were coming. But there are other days. This morning I am going to devote to the gardens and the woods. I want to visit my old haunts. Suppose you come with me, cousin Tony?

May I? he replied, with a look that said even more than his eager words. That will be glorious!

And Dan shall come too, said Stella gaily as she bent to pull the terrier's ears.

Anthony's look had made her feel unaccountably nervous for an instant or two. It was ridiculous that her heart should beat because Mr. West chose to look so absurdly delighted at being asked to take a morning walk with her.

Molly was not in the breakfast-room when they went in, and presently Catharine's maid came to ask them to begin, as Miss Mary would not be down just yet.

I am afraid that Catharine has had a very bad night, Stella said as she seated herself at the head of the table and began to pour out Anthony's coffee.

He was watching her so intently, finding a new charm in everything she did, that he had to think for a moment before he could answer her.

I am sorry, he said then. I suppose Miss Mary has been staying up with her?

I am afraid so. You know that I told you I should be frightened when I went into her room. Well, I was frightened, but I was sorry too. How terribly changed she is! I never saw any one so haggard. Her eyes burn at you from deep hollows. Molly says that she is much better, but she looks very, very ill. She told me that she was glad that I had come. That was a great thing for her to say, wasn't it?

Miss Mary told me that she was very anxious to see you.

Yes. She was going to write and ask me to come home. It was strange that just at that very time aunt Lydia should have come to the conclusion that the Grange was the best place for me. You know that I left them in disgrace, don't you? Oh, aunt Lydia and the girls were very angry!

What had you done? Tell me, asked Anthony, smiling at her.

She colored, but there was sparkling mischief in her eyes.

A cousin is not a father-confessor, she said gaily; and I don't take aunt Lydia's view of my character. How could I help it if people found it more entertaining to talk to me than to play golf with Harriet or to mix the colors for Belle's palette?

He laughed.

I guessed as much, he said. No wonder your aunt was glad for you to leave them! And then, with a sudden change of tone, he added, I suppose you went out a great deal. Won't you miss the balls and parties? The season is not over yet, is it?

She shrugged her shoulders with a touch of scorn.

How long does the season last in Streatham? Uncle James is a very rich man, cousin Tony; but we were not in Society—Society with a big S. Our gaieties were mostly suburban ones. In Scotland we ranked higher. A man with uncle James' fishing and shooting rights is a personage of importance there. And some of our Scotch friends found us out in London, though we did live at Stearthan.

A sudden pang of jealousy darted through Anthony.

You met Creighton in Scotland, didn't you? he said.

She smiled gaily at him across the teacups. Having made up her mind to keep her secret, she was not going to betray herself because Anthony was curious.

Yes. He was one of those who found his way to Streatham. His visits were great events, I can assure you. His family is a very old one, isn't it? We heard that his uncle had refused a peerage.

Yes—that is true. He thought it a greater distinction to be Squire Creighton of Creighton than to be a man of title. I heard a rumor that the present Squire is engaged. Is it true, do you know?

Again Stella's eyes met his, clear and sparkling with fun.

How solemnly you ask the question, cousin Tony! Why do you object to the poor man seeking a wife? But I know why it is. You dislike him. I heard it in your voice yesterday. Why do you dislike him? He is nearly old enough to be your father.

The suspicion that for a moment had found unwelcome lodging in Anthony's mind took flight at Stella's gay raillery. He drew a deep breath of relief and told himself that it was for Miss Mary's sake that the suspicion had weighed so heavily upon him.

You have quick ears, cousin Stella, he said, with a boyish laugh. I must be careful how I speak of people before you. Then it is true that Creighton is engaged? Do you know the lady?

Oh, yes—I know her! But I would rather not tell you her name. She does not wish it to be mentioned till Mr. Creighton comes back from America. That is why I did not speak of it yesterday. But she is a great deal younger than he is—I can tell you that; and some people think her pretty. I do not think so my self, but I should call her attractive.

A girl who ought to be in the schoolroom—a mere child—that is what my friend said of her! exclaimed Anthony with strong disgust in his tone. How can girls marry men who were grown up before they were born? What can they know of their lives?

Poor Mr. Creighton! How you do dislike him! cried Stella. And he never struck me as so very old. But a squire of high degree can afford to be older than other people. Let us hope that the young lady who ought to be in the schoolroom will treat his gray hairs with respect. But I really must not talk of her, cousin Tony. You will want to know her name and all about her, and only a few of her friends know as yet. I assure you they think her a lucky young woman. But what a frown! You can look very disagreeable when you frown.

Anthony's brow cleared instantly.

Did I frown? But do not let us talk any more of Creighton. It is quite true that I dislike him. I wish that he were not coming here.

Stella was regarding him curiously.

Tell me why you dislike him. I might inform his fiance, you know. But I expect it is only "I do not love thee, Doctor Fell, the reason why I cannot tell."

Just so, he answered quickly. But we won't talk of Doctor Fell. Where shall we go this morning? To Haccombe Copse? The trees have grown up finely that were planted there the year you went away. Would that be too far for you?

No, indeed! I am a famous walker. But there is Molly's step. I hope the coffee is not cold.

Molly was very pale. She had been up with her sister most of the night, and her eyes had the strained haggard look that comes with sleeplessness. But she had an affectionate greeting for Anthony, and a smile came readily enough to her lips when she heard Stella address him as cousin Tony.

I am afraid that we can make out no real claim to cousinship, she said. I wish you were our cousin, Anthony—even a very distant one.

Anthony looked at Stella rather guiltily.

Miss Mary is quite right, he said. I was mistaken about that family tree, Miss Stella. Your Priscilla Dewar was not the Priscilla Dewar who married my great-great-granduncle, but another lady of the same name. Mr. Deane proved that to us. I wish he had not.

Don't let us accept the proof! cried Stella brightly. I want you to be my cousin, and I believe you are. How could there be two Priscilla Dewars living at the same time? No, Molly; I refuse to admit the possibility. Please do not try to convine me. Throw as many facts at me as you will, I shall refuse to be convinced. I can't go on calling cousin Tony "Mr. West." It sounds absurd when we have known each other since we were the tiniest mites.

Her gay glance seemed to run through Anthony's viens like wine.

Even if we are not cousins, he said, I don't think that you should call me "Mr. West." It hurt me yesterday; it seemed as if you had quite forgotten how long our friendship had lasted.

Before Stella could answer, James, the old manservant, came in with the letter bag. This, until quite lately, had always been taken up to Miss Passingham's room and unlocked by her there, but since her illness Molly had been entrusted with the key. Though Stella went on talking to Anthony, she kept her eyes rather nervously on Molly as she unlocked the bag and began to distribute the letters.

Here is a packet for you, Stella, she said after a moment, passing it across the table. The rest are for the servants and Catharine.

Stella took the thick packet and hurriedly broke it open.

I told Simpson to send my letters under cover, she said, giving a hasty glance at the contents of the big envelope and then thrusting it into her pocket. It would be ruinous if I had to pay postage on each one separately.

Have you so many correspondents, dear? asked Molly, a little surprised.

Stella laughed, blushing the while.

My letters will be mostly bills, I am afraid, Molly. I left so suddenly that I could pay nobody, and I just sent postcards to ask for my accounts. I have been very extravagent this spring. Don't ask to look at them; you would be shocked. But I have some pretty dresses. She stole a glance at Anthony. Does cousin Tony ever come to dinner?

Molly smiled at him, and, seeing the eagerness in his eyes, she said—

Will you come to-night, Anthony? You will like to see our little girl in her finery. But don't wear your prettiest dress, Stella. Catharine wants to have a dinner-party next week in your honor. I do not know if she will be strong enough, she added, looking at Anthony again. But she seems bent on it. Would you go up to her for a moment or two, Stella, if you have finished your breakfast? She would like to see you. But do not stay long. She is very weak this morning.

Miss Passingham's room opened from the gallery that ran round two sides of the panelled hall. Beyond her room at the end of the gallery was an embrasured window with three diamond-paned casements. A broad window seat with cushions had made a comfortable resting-place for Stella many summer afternoons in the old days. Hidden behind the heavy tapestry curtains, she had felt like a bird in its nest.

Passing Catharine's door with a quick light step, she sought the shelter of the window and drew the bundle of letters from her pocket. All but one were bills—unmistakably bills. She put them hastily aside and broke open the square white envelope that bore the postmark of New York. There was a little smile of gay triumph on her lips as she read her letter.

It was not a long one. Only three sides of the sheet were filled, and the writing was large and bold. But she had not expected a long letter. She knew how busy the writer was, and he had told her beforehand that he never wrote long letters. But he had managed to get a number of delightful things into the short epistle. He meant her to be presented at court, it seemed. He was having the family diamonds reset for her, and he was bringing home a pearl necklace that had caught his fancy at a sale of frmily jewels in Washington. The pearls were very fine ones, he had added carelessly. And he wanted to know if she liked Cadogan Square. He had heard of a house there that might suit them for a London residence. She must think it over and let him know when he returned. He would be back in about a fortnight, and he meant to ask her aunt and uncle to come to Newlyn on a visit and to bring her with them. Then she would be near her sisters and could visit them. He was anxious that all family differences should be forgotton.

It will surprise him to find me here, Stella said to herself as she put the letter away. I wonder how aunt Lydia will explain matters to him. Poor aunt Lydia! She will be sorry already that she let her temper get the better of her. I must write and ask her what she thinks of Cadogan Square. It will be delightful to invite them from Streatham to our parties. But what a horried wretch I am! What would Molly think of me if she had heard me say that?

She flung open the casement as she spoke and leaned out, drawing in a long breath of the pure rose-scented air. Then she drew back hastily. Molly and Anthony were just below her. She watched them for a moment unseen, her eyes softening with an expression of great tenderness. What a different world those two lived in from the world which she had left at Streatham! How simple and good and unselfish both of them were! Well, for a whole fortnight, unless some unlucky chance intervened, she meant to live in their world and forget everything else. She would be Molly's little sister, not the future mistress of Creighton Abby and the house in Cadogan Square. And, saying this to herself, she went back to Catharine's door.

Her low tap was answered by the maid, who asked her to go into the inner room, as Miss Passingham was still in bed. Both the rooms were panelled in dark oak and furnished with heavy old-fashioned furniture. They had looked gloomly to Stella on her brief visit the evening before, but they looked still more so now in the cheerful morning light, which seemed only to add to their dreariness. She shivered a little as she advanced towards the great curtained bed where her sister sat, supported by pillows.

Miss Passingham had been a handsome woman in her youth, and her face still had a haggard witch-like beauty of its own. Her dark eyes were as keen as ever under the overhanging brows, and her snow white hair added to their brilliancy. She stretched out a claw-like hand to Stella, but made no attempt to kiss her. Stella was thankful. She had been kissed the night before, and the touch of the dry parchment lips had made her shudder.

Did you sleep well? Miss Passingham asked.

Her voice was hoarse and weak, hardly above a whisper. The stern commanding tone that Stella had been familiar with in her childhood was altogether gone.

I slept very well, Stella answered quickly. My room is charming, Catharine. I could not be more comfortable.

That was Mary's doing, returned Miss Passingham. She would have cut her head off if it would have added to your comfort. How do you think she is looking?

The question was asked so sharply, with such a flash from the deep-set eyes, that Stella was startled.

Molly? she faltered.

Yes—Molly, if you like to call her so. It is a name for a child, not a grown-up woman. But what do you think of her? Does she look happy? Canit you speak, child?

She has been anxious about you, Stella said hesitatingly. You have been so ill, Catharine!

I am better now, or so the doctor says. I am not going to die just yet. Why was Molly crying last night? She thought I was asleep, but I was watching her all the time. It is years since I saw her cry. She was never one of those who shed tears for a trifle. Child, you have bright eyes; you look as if you could use them well. What do you think? Is Mary unhappy about anything?

Again Stella hesitated. Miss Passingham's eyes seemed to be searching her very soul.

I don't think that she has been very happy, Catharine, she answered after a moment But now that I have come home——

Miss Passingham broke into a harsh laugh.

You think that she has been fretting for you? There—that is enough. Go away now. Mary was happy before I fell ill, or perhaps she pretended to be. I must find out which it was. What if she did care, and I—— But there—go, child! Say nothing to her. I do not want her to know that I was awake last night.

She waved Stella away and turned her face to the wall. As Stella left the room she heard her utter a low moan and mutter something which she could not catch. Stella hurried away, and drew a breath of relief as the gallery door shut behind her. She was glad to be out of Catharine's apartments. An air of tragedy brooded over them. Catharine's eyes, as she had gazed at her, were full of unutterable pain. No wonder poor Molly had broken into tears as she had watched by her through the night! Molly was worn out. Her life had been such a lonely one. But it should be happier now. And bright visions of the future floated before Stella as she ran to dress for her walk with Anthony.

Miss Passingham should have a kind companion to wait on her, and Molly should live more than half the year at the Abbey or at Cadogan Square. In each house there should be a suite of rooms set apart for her, furnished as prettily and brightly as possible. She should have her own maid and her own carriage. For the first time in her life she should know what ease and luxury meant. The strictest economy had been necessary to make both ends meet at the Grange, and all the luxuries had been reserved for Catharine. But now there would be plenty of money for Molly. She should never be poor or lonely again.

CHAPTER IV

But, Stella, you promised. Miss Mary, she promised. Is it too far for you? I could get the pony carriage round in five minutes. The falls will be glorious this afternoon after the rain last night. Do you really mean that you do not want to go?

There was wondering reproach in Anthony's voice as he stood, cap in hand, before Molly and Stella, who were sitting on the lawn after luncheon under the shade of the big chestnut. Stella had promised the evening before to walk with Anthony across the moors to Deepdene Falls that afternoon, but now it seemed that she had changed her mind.

I am tired, she said almost pettishly in answer to his imploring appeal. We have had so many long walks lately. I am a Londoner, remember, and I miss the pavements. And there is this dinner-party to-night. Molly and I have been slaving all the morning to make the table look pretty.

Yes—we are both very tired, said Molly with a kind smile at Anthony. I am sorry that you are disappointed, but I really don't think that Stella ought to go.

She got up as she spoke and put her embroidery away in the dainty basket on the wicker table.

I must go in. Catharine will want me. Stay to tea, Anthony. We are going to have it early this afternoon.

She walked towards the house, feeling that Anthony and Stella would settle their little difference better without her, and Anthony dropped into her vacant chair. Stella had brought her needlework out as well as Molly. It was the first time that Anthony had seen her so occupied, and he watched her for a moment without speaking, the cloud gradually clearing from his face.

Stella, you are heartless! he said presently, a ripple of fun in his voice. You know how disappointed I am, and you pretend to be too much interested in cutting holes with that absurd pair of scissors to notice me.

She held the scissors out to him, a smile dimpling the corners of her lips.

They are Molly's embroidery scissors, and not at all absurd. I have lost mine. You can put them in the basket if you like. I have finished cutting holes for the moment.

He eagerly seized the scissors and the tiny hand that held them.

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83	85	89	91	23	93	97		82	86	90	92	84	94	96	
A.M.	A.M	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A M	A M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	
‖ 5.50	‖ 7.40	‖ 10.16	‖ 3 00	‖ 4 01	‖ 5.59	11.05	Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10.5.	12.40	3.40	5.44	7.42	
5.10	7.00	8.10	12.45	12.45	4.10	6.50	Washington	7.20	11.27	1.15	1.30	6.10	8.15	9.41	
6.10	8.35	8.13	1 40	1 4	5 07	7.58	Baltimore	6 14	10.31	11.23	12.25	5.00	6 55	8 40	
7.28	8.28	10 58	2 44	2 47	6.52	11.50	Wilmington	4 15	8 42	10 05	11.13	2.46	5.00	6.49	
7.58	8.38	. . .	. . .	4 57	7.02	. . .	Farnhurst	. . .	8.32	9.55	11.03	2.36	. . .	6 39	
7.43	8 43	. . .	3.58	5.02	7.07	. . .	New Castle	. . .	8.27	9.51	10 58	2.32	. . .	6 34	
7.48	8.47	. . .	. . .	5.07	7.11	. . .	State Road	. . .	8 21	. . .	10 54	2.27	. . .	6.29	
7.53	8.52	. . .	. . .	5 12	7 16	. . .	Bear	. . .	8.16	. . .	10 49	2.22	. . .	6 24	
7.58	8.58	11.21	m4 18	5.17	7.21	. . .	Porter	. . .	m8.11	9.39	n 0.41	2.17	n 4.35	m6.19	
8.03	9 02	11.24	. . .	5.22	7.25	. . .	Kirkwood	. . .	8.06	. . .	10 39	2.12	. . .	6.14	
8.06	9.05	. . .	. . .	5.26	. . .	. . .	Canal	. . .	8.01	. . .	. . .	2 07	. . .	6.10	
8.11	9.10	. . .	. . .	5.31	7.53	. . .	Mt. Pleasant	. . .	7.56	. . .	10 31	2.03	. . .	6.06	
8.15	9 13	. . .	. . .	5.35	7.37	. . .	Armstrong	. . .	7.52	. . .	. . .	1.59	. . .	6.02	
8.21	9.19	11.38	4 33	5.41	7.47	12.36	Middletown	3.29	7.46	9 22	10.24	1.55	4.17	5.58	
831	u9 27	. . .	u4.43	5.50	7.51	. . .	Townsend	. . .	7.39	u9.13	10 16	1.46	u4 08	5.49	
8 35	h 9.31	. . .	. . .	5 5.	7.55	. . .	Blackbird	. . .	7.34	. . .	10 11	1.41	. . .	5 44	
8.40	h 9 35	. . .	. . .	6.00	7 59	. . .	Gr'n Spring	. . .	7 29	. . .	. . .	1.36	. . .	5 39	
8.46	x 9 40	11 55	x 4 56	6 05	8.05	12 55	Clayton	3.08	7 25	x 9 00	9.06	1.32	x 3 57	5.35	
8.36	9.30	11.45	4 46	5.55	7 55	. . .	Smyrna *Lv.*	. . .	7.15	8.36	9 53	. . .	3 45	5.25	
8.53	h 9.45	. . .	. . .	6.10	f 8.10	. . .	Brenford	. . .	f 7.19	. . .	f 9.57	1.26	. . .	f 5.29	
8.58	f 9.50	. . .	. . .	6.15	f 8.15	. . .	Cheswold	. . .	f 7.14	. . .	f 9.52	1.21	. . .	f 5.24	
9.01	. . .	. . .	. . .	6.18	. . .	. . .	Dupont	. . .	7.04	. . .	. . .	1.18	. . .	. . .	
9.07	9 59	12.10	5 14	6.26	8 24	1.14	Dover	2.50	7.09	8.42	9 40	1.13	3 38	5.15	
9.13	10.05	f 12.16	5 21	6.31	8.30	1.22	Wyoming	2 43	6 57	8.36	9 33	1 06	3.32	5.04	
9.19	h10 12	. . .	f 5 28	. . .	f 8.36	. . .	Woodside	. . .	. . .	f 8 19	f 9.26	f 12.59	. . .	f 4.57	
9.23	h10.16	. . .	f 5.32	. . .	f 8.40	. . .	Viola	. . .	. . .	f 8.25	f 9.32	f 12.55	. . .	f 4.53	
9.28	10 21	12.27	5 37	. . .	8.45	1.36	Felton	2.28	. . .	8.21	9.18	12 51	3 20	4 49	
9.41	l 10 32	12.39	l 5.51	. . .	8.55	1.46	Harrington	2.18	. . .	v 8.12	l 9.08	12.42	l 3.11	o 4.40	
. . .	‖ 10.36	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Ha'l'g\'n Ar	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.53	. . .	. . .	. . .	
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. . .	12.25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	Berlin	. . .	. . .	. . .	6.56	. . .	. . .	. . .	
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f 9.49	f 10.40	. . .	f 5.58	. . .	f 9.02	. . .	Farmington	. . .	. . .	f 8.00	f 8.53	f 12.32	. . .	f 4 25	
9.57	10.48	12 53	6 04	. . .	9.10	. . .	Greenwood	. . .	. . .	7.53	8.45	12 25	2.53	4.18	
10.05	10 56	1.01	6 14	. . .	9.18	2.08	Bridgeville	1.46	. . .	7.45	8.37	12.17	2 47	4.10	
f 10 10	h11 01	. . .	f 6 19	. . .	d 9.23	. . .	Cannons	. . .	. . .	f 7.39	f 8.31	f 12.12	. . .	f 4.04	
10.20	l 11 09	1.12	l 6 27	. . .	9.32	2.20	Seaford	1.33	. . .	7.31	‖ 8.24	12.05	2.35	‖ 3.56	
10.30	11.1b	1.24	6.37	. . .	9 42	2.32	Laurel	1.20	. . .	7.20	8.11	11 53	2.25	3.41	
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	11.46	1.49	7.05	. . .	. . .	3.00	Salisbury	1225	. . .	. . .	7.35	. . .	1.49	3.10	
		4.35	. . .	. . .	. . .	5.33	C. I harles	9.25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	10.35	. . .	
		6.35	8 14	. . .	. . .	7.35	Old Point	7.20	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.40	. . .	
		8.00	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.45	Norfolk	6.15	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	‖ 7.45	. . .	
. M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P M.	P.M.	A.M.		A M	A M.	A.M.	P M.	A.M.	A M.	P.M.	

‖ Daily. ‖ Daily except Sunday.

"c" Regular stop to receive passengers.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.

"g" Connects at Delmar with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Ry.

"h" Stops to let off passengers from points north of Wilmington and from points on Maryland Division via Porter.

"i" Connects at Harrington for and from stations on Del., Md., & Vir. R. R.

"j" Stops to take on passengers for Cape Charles and beyond.

"k" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"l" Connects at Townsend for and from stations on Baltimore & Delaware Bay Ry.

"m" Connects at Porter for Delaware City.

"n" Connects at Porter with Newark & Delaware City Railroad.

"o" Connects at Harrington for stations on D M & V R R

"p" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"r" Stops to leave passengers from New York Division.

"s" Connects at Seaford for and from all stations on Cambridge & Seaford R R

"u" Connects at Townsend for and from all stations on the Queen Anne & Kent Railroad.

"v" Connects at Harrington from stations between Lewes and Harrington.

"x" Connects at Clayton for and from all stations on Delaware & Chesapeake Ry.

"w" Connects at Delmer with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad to and from all points between Delmar and Pocomoke.

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DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R. Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.36 a m 5.55 p m week days. Returning train leaves Franklin City 6.00 a. m. and 12.01 p. m. week days.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.30 and 8.50 p m. week days Returning leave Chincoteague 10.45 a. m., and 5.30 p. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes 10.36 a. m., 5.55 p. m., week days Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a m and 1.36 p m week-days

Leave Harrington for Rehoboth 10.36 a m Returning, leave Rehoboth 1 13 p m, Tuesday Thursday and Saturdays

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10.36 a. m. and 5.55 p. m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.56 a m and 12.56 p. m. week days.

Leave Massey for Chestertown and way stations 9.59 a. m. and 5.16 p. m. week-days Returning, leave Chestertown 7.18 a. m. and 2.35 p. m, week-days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9 30 a. m., and 4.47 p. m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 7.46 a. m., and 2.38 p. m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.47 a. m., and 5.05 p. m., week days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.47 a. m., and 1 48 p. m., week-days.

CAMBRIDGE & SEAFORD R. R.—Leave Seaford for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11.13 a. m. and 6.31 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Cambridge 7.00 a.m. and 2.32 p. m. week-days.

CONNECTION.—At Porter, with Newark and Delaware City Railroad. At Townsend, with Queen Anne's & Kent Railroad. At Massey, for stations on Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad. At Clayton, with Delaware & Chesapeake Railroad. At Harrington, with Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad. At Seaford, with Cambridge & Seaford Railroad. At Delmar, with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk.

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